

CIRCUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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CHECK LIST OF MAGAZINE ARTICLES

regarding "THE CIRCUS"

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BY Burt L. Wilson,

Editor's Note: My 1943 list contains, besides the regular magazine articles, many important newspaper articles and also some of the principal articles in White Tops, Billboard, Hobbies, The Bandwagon and Greater Show World. This has been done at the request of collectors and readers who have been kind enough to write to me during the past year.

Needless to say I had no idea last year when the first list was compiled that as much interest among collectors and fans existed. But over 200 letters have been received and answered last year on this interesting phase of circus collecting.

Will appreciate very much notification of articles in little-known magazines, trade papers, etc., and in turn I hope to make this an annual list for your attention and interest.

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JANUARY 1943

"Cowboy Kings" By Jack Natteford  
Photo Story Jan. 1943 Pages 17-21  
Article and pictures on Rogers, Mix, Maynard, Autry and others.  
Vol. 3 No.5

"Three Cheers for the Clowns"  
New World Canada Jan. 1943 Vol. 3 No.11  
Front Cover and Pages 24, 25 Pictures and text on famous clowns.

"John A. Guthrie, Rodeo, Wild West and backer for Tom Mix"  
The Ranchman Jan. 1943 Okla. City by Ferne E. King  
2 page article and front cover

Photograph "Partners" Chas. Bell and Dog Trixie of Ringling Barnum Show. Photographed by Stuyvesant Peabody Townsfolk January 1943 Page 14

"Library Receives Circusiana Collection" A. Morton Smith Hobbies Jan. 1943 Vol. 47 No.11  
Article on Famous Hertzberg Collection

"Dedication of the Hertzberg Circus Collection" A. Morton Smith White Tops Dec.-Jan. 1943 Vol. 16 No. 1 and 2

"He looked like Sanger" by Col. O.G. Sturtevant  
White Tops Dec. Jan. 1943 Vol. 16 No. 1 and 2  
A study of an old circus fan

"The Brains that go into the Big Top" by Bob Haley  
Greater Show World Jan. 1943 Vol. 26 No. 1 Page 5 and 6  
article on department heads on Ringling Barnum Circus

FEBRUARY 1943

"Ella Logan takes a lesson in Wire Walking from Con Colleano"  
Pic. 2-2-43  
3 pages pictures and text.

"Autographed Circus Pictures" A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies Feb. 1943 Vol. 47 No. 12 Page 10  
Article on collecting circus pictures.

"Born to the Business" by Col. O.G. Sturtevant  
White Tops Feb. March Vol. 16 No. 3-4  
A Sketch of Bert Cole, Circus Man "Extraordinary".

MARCH 1943

"Ball Bearing Seals" Peek March 1943 Vol. 5 No. 1  
2 pages pictures and text on Mark Huling Seal Trainer.

"Skin and Needles" Time 3/1-43 Page 65 Tattooing.

"The Circus Rides Again" Josephine Ripley  
Christian Science Monitor Mag. Sec. Sat. 3/13/43  
2 pages pictures text and pictures on Big Show.

"An Arkansan's Days Under the Big Tent" Esta R. Perryman  
Arkansas Gazette Sun. March 21, 1943 Mag. Sec.  
Fine two page article on Charley and Mrs. Brady, two real old time troupers. This year with Mills Bros.

"Circus Parade Wagons" Part 1 A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies March 1943 Vol. 48 No. 1 Page 10-23  
Article on famous old parade wagons.

"This Year's Take" by Barry O'Neil  
Greater Show World March 1943 Page 10. Article on Grift.

"The Sword Swallower" by Cyclone Drake  
Greater Show World March 1943 Page 14

"Hold Your Horses" Don Smith Story on Calliopes  
Band Wagon March 1943

APRIL 1943

"Circus Days" N.Y. Times Sun. Mag. Sec. 4-4-43 Pages 20-21  
Two page Reproduction in color of old time circus posters.  
Very good.

"Circus Defrilled" Business Week 4-10-43 Page 28  
Story on R.B.B.B. opening in N.Y.

"Elephant Girl". Jeff Wylie Louisville Courier Journal  
Roto. Mag. Sec. Sun. 4/18/43 2 page Ill. Article on Paul and  
Ruth Nelson of Cole Bros.

"Walt Kuhn Presents Life Under the Big Top" Art Digest 4/15/43  
Story on Walter Kuhn, Circus Painter.

"Step this Way" News Week 4/19/43 Ill. Art. on Big Show N.Y.  
opening.

"Big Top Business" Time 4-26-43 Page 89-90-91  
N.Y. opening R.B.B.B. article and pictures.

"Here Comes the Circus" Inez Whitely Foster  
Glamour April 1943 4 pages text and pictures  
N.Y. opening of the big show.

"On the Trail of the Ringlings" April 8-15-22 3 parts  
North Iowa Times McGregor Iowa J.J. Schlicher  
This is the same article that appeared in the Wisconsin Historical  
Magazine last year. It is now out of print but collectors may  
still be able to get the papers, as above. One of the best  
articles ever published on the early life of the Ringlings.

Fiction "The Romance of Henry Menafee" Paul Gallico  
Part 1 Good Housekeeping April 1943 Vol. 116 No. 4  
Pages 22-23-150 to 169

"Famous Circus Parade Wagons" A. Morton Smith Part 2  
Hobbies April 1943 Vol. 48 No. 2 Page 10-19  
Conclusion of article on old parade wagons.

"O.F.A. Covers Big Show opening in New York City". Bob Ensworth  
"A Two Day visit with Cole Bros. Circus Tom Gregory  
"Russell Bros. Circus opened to Good Business Dick Lewis  
All three of above articles were in White Tops April-May  
Vol. 16 No. 5-6

"Truth in Publicity" Eloyd L. Bell  
Billboard 4/10/43 Page 48

MAY 1943

"Men Behind the Circus" Coronet May 1943  
6 pages short sketches of Margaret Graham; John Brice  
Cap Curtis; Fred DeWolfe; Joe Donahue

"The Circus comes to Town" Telephone Review May 1943  
No Author 4 pages on Big Show's N.Y. Engagement several pictures.

"Acrobat" Pic 5/11/43 2 pages pictures on Micky King  
Circus Aerialist

"Tiger on a Tight Rope" Pic 5-11-43  
2 pages pictures on Alfred Court Act

"American Circus Carving" Virginia N. Whitehill  
Magazine of Art May 1943 Vol. 36 No. 4 4 pages photos and text  
on early circus wagon carving. Excellent pictures of United  
States wagon and the Golden Age of Chivalry wagon.

"Tight Rope Dancers as depicted by Prints" Hobbies May 1943  
by Allison Delarue Pages 16-17  
Two page article on old tight wire dancers illustrated with  
some old prints. Good historical article

Fiction "The Romance of Henry Menafee" Paul Gallico  
Part 2 Good Housekeeping May 1943 Vol. 116 No. 5 Conclusion

MAY 1943 (Continued)

"Troupers Collect Circusiana" A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies May 1943 Vol. 48 No. 3 Page 10-11  
Article on troupers who collect circus material

Fiction Pulp "Love lights the Way" by Mona Farnsworth  
Exciting Love Vol. 3 No. 3 Spring 1943 Issue  
Complete Novelette on carnival life with circus front cover  
Pages 15 to 54

"The Cry of the Calliope" P.M. McClintock  
Billboard 5/29/43 Pages 47

JUNE 1943

"Circus Music of other Days" A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies June 1943 Vol. 48 No. 4 Page 29-129

"Barnum of the Sticks" Murray Powers  
Article on truck circuses  
White Tops June July August Vol. 16 No. 7-8-9

"Pathos of Pantomime" by Everett M. Smith  
Christian Science Monitor Mag. Sec. 6/26/43  
short Ill. Article on Emmett Kelly

"Memoirs of an Elephant Keeper" Harry Pankhurst  
Band Wagon June 1943

JULY 1943

"Circus in Town" Frank Sullivan Good Housekeeping  
July 1943 Pages 17 and 72 Circus Memories

"Circus Beauties Natl. Police Gazette July 1943  
2 pages text and pictures on "Beauty in the Circus"

"Life goes to the Saints and Sinners" Life 7/19/43  
4 pages and pictures by Ralph Morse on initiation of  
Westbrook Pegler into Circus Saints and Sinners.

"Circus History is His Hobby" by A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies July 1943 Vol. 48 No. 5  
Article on Col. C.G. Sturtevant, Historian of the C.F.A.

"The one Ring Circus Still exists in the U.S."  
One page of pictures and text in Roto. of the Beers-Barnes  
Circus. An excellent item on this little known show.  
Cleveland Plain Dealer Sunday July 11, 1943 Roto. Sec.

"The Magnificent Anderson" Text and pictures on John Murray  
Anderson, producer for past two years of Specs. on Big  
Show, also famous stage producer. Several circus pictures one  
in color. Click July 1943 Vol. 6 No. 7 Pages 22-23-24-25.

"Specology of the Circus" A. Morton Smith  
Billboard 7/31/43 Page 51

AUGUST 1943

"Royal Family of the Big Top" By Bill Davidson  
Liberty 9/4/43 Vol. 20 No. 36  
4 page article with one color photo on the Cristiani Family.  
Very good.

"Toscanini of the Big Top". F. Beverly Kelley  
Sat. Even. Post 8/21/43 Fine article with colored photographs  
on Merle Evans of the Big Show. Very Fine.

"Here Come the Elephants" Raymond Knight  
1 page article on Radio on the Big Show featuring Beverly  
Kelley Women's Day August 1943

AUGUST 1943 (Continued)

"The Wild West and Buffalo Bill" Don Russell  
Facts August 1943 Pages 115 - 124  
Good article on Buffalo Bill

"You Can't Do that" Pic 8/17/43 Two pages pictures by  
Sam Andre on Elly Ardely in Spangles N.Y. Formerly on  
Big Show.

"The Circus Millettes" Fafnir Bearing Co. News New Britain  
Story on Ira Millette and family and their Conn.  
war work. 3 pages and several photos. August 1943

"Have You Met Mabel Stark?" Lockheed Vega Aircraftsman  
Aug. 1943 Page 25 Short article and picture on Mabel Stark,  
Famous wild animal trainer, now working in defense work  
at Lockheed.

"Hold Your Horses-Here Come the Elephants" No author  
Home Ins. Co. N.Y. Front Cover in Color and 6 pages of fine  
photographs and text on Ringling Barnum show this year.  
News from Home Summer No. Vol. 4 No. 3  
One of the outstanding articles of the year.

"A Collector who shares His Hobby" by A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies August 1943 Vol. 48 No. 6  
article on R.C. Ellsworth, Collector

"Spangled Spectacle" by W. M. Ward Popular Photography  
August 1943 Vol. 13 No. 2  
Article(2 page) and 6 photographs on taking circus pictures

"My Start in the Circus Business" F.M. Farrell  
Band Wagon August 1943

SEPTEMBER 1943

"The Lives and Loves of the Siamese Twins"  
Kiwanis Magazine Sept. 1943 by J.P. McEvoy  
Pages 9-26-27  
Article on Original Siamese Twins

"The Lives and Loves of the Siamese Twins" J.P. McEvoy  
Readers' Digest Sept. 1943  
Condensation of article in Kiwanis Magazine

"Circus Dick Kelly, F. Beverly True Detective Sept. 1943  
Short article on Chief John Brice of Big Show  
1 illustration Written Anonymously but Kelley wrote it.  
Page 41 Vol. 40 No. 6

OCTOBER 1943

"Floating Circus Story Recalled" Waterways Journal  
Oct. 2, 1943 Vol. LVII No. 27 Page 11 No Author  
Short article on Spalding and Rodgers Floating Palace  
Water Circus.

"The Parson of the Big Tops" by Harry Pence  
Cincinnati Enquirer Mag. Sec. Sun. Oct. 3, 1943  
Full page illustrated article on Doc Waddell.

"A Collector of Comic Wardrobe" by A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies October 1943 Vol. 48 No. 8 Pages 26-28  
Article on Albert Marx of Houston Texas, Amateur Clown

"Laugh Factory" by F. Beverly Kelley and Don Lang  
Colliers Oct. 16, 1943 Page 16 Vol. 112 No. 16  
One page article and two illustrations on A. Robins producing  
clown on Spangles.

Fiction

"Maxine and the Marvelous Babe" by Elizabeth Dean  
Colliers 10/16/43 Pages 14-15-54-55-57  
A circus elephant in Florida, a girl and a flying cadet.

NOVEMBER 1943

"Half way to Heaven" by Arzeno E. Selden (Stratosphere Man)  
as told to William Tusher  
True Nov. 1943 Vol. 13 No. 78  
Fine Ill. Article on Selden, the Stratosphere Man

"Tom Thumbiana" by A. Morton Smith  
Hobbies Nov. 1943 Vol. 48 No. 9  
article on Tom Thumb Collection in the Harry Hertzberg  
collection in San Antonio

DECEMBER 1943

"Old Time Wagon Shows I have seen" by Wm. N. Purtil  
The Bandwagon - December 1943.

"Menageries & Circuses that visited Belfast, Me.,  
between 1816 & 1852." (from History of Belfast - 1877)  
The Bandwagon - December 1943.

"Large Scale Collecting" - by A. Morton Smith.  
Hobbies - December 1943. Vol. 48 - No. 10.  
Article describing the circusiana collection of Walter  
W. Tyson, President CHS.